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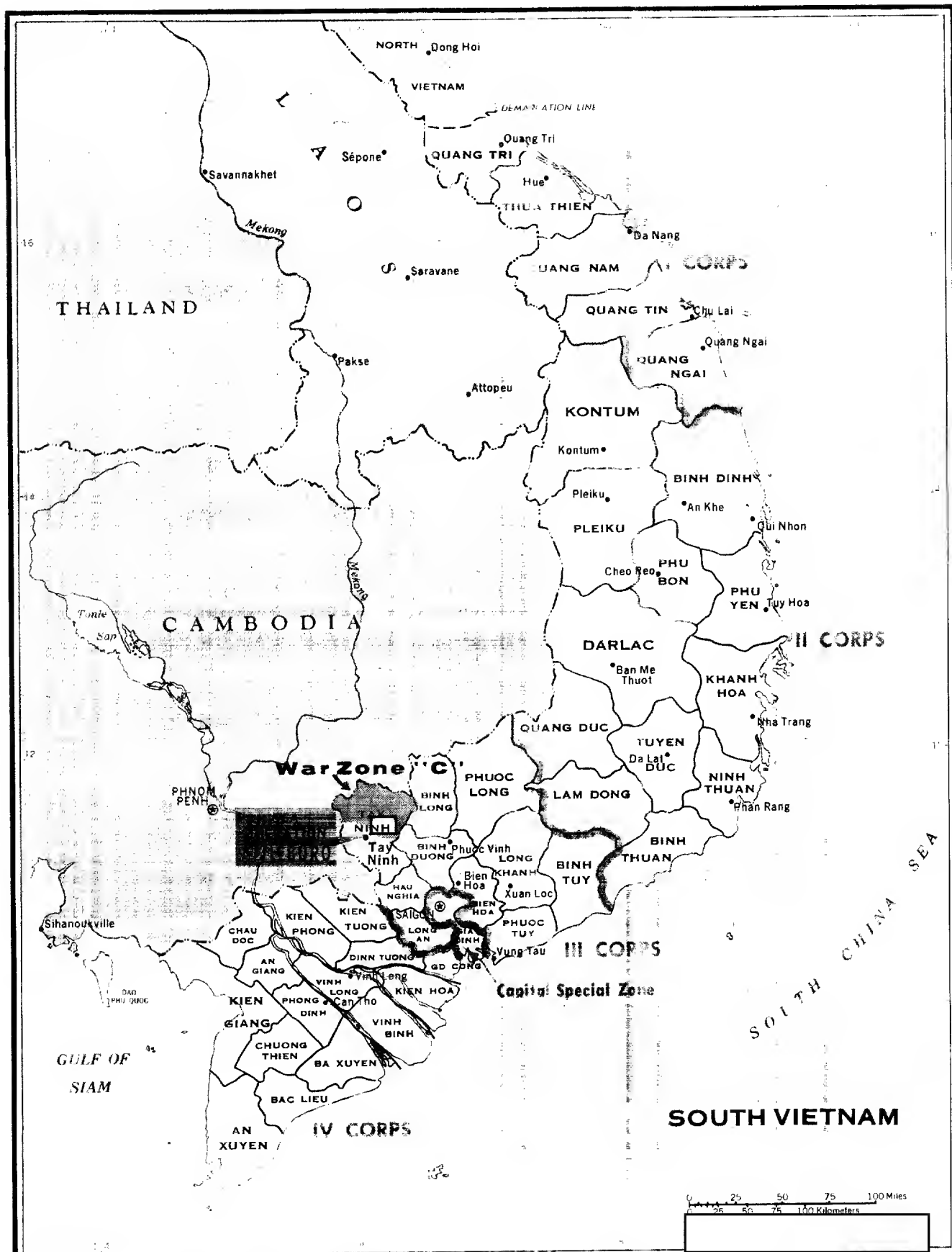
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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EST)

The Military Situation in South Vietnam: Contact with enemy forces during the past 24 hours has been sporadic and light despite the initiation of several new allied operations.

Operation ATTLEBORO, which at one point included 19 US and two ARVN battalions and was targeted against the Communist War Zone "C" area--about 30 miles northeast of Tay Ninh city--in Tay Ninh Province, was terminated yesterday. Total casualties in this operation, which commenced on 14 October, included 111 Americans killed and 463 wounded, with 1,094 Communist troops killed and 42 captured. (Map)

Communist Political Developments: The "summit conference" between Cambodia, North Vietnam, and the Liberation Front announced by Sihanouk on 3 November may not be definite. [REDACTED]

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By proposing such meetings, Hanoi is apparently attempting to suggest diplomatically that it does not intend to participate in any summit meeting unless it knows exactly what Sihanouk has in mind. [REDACTED]

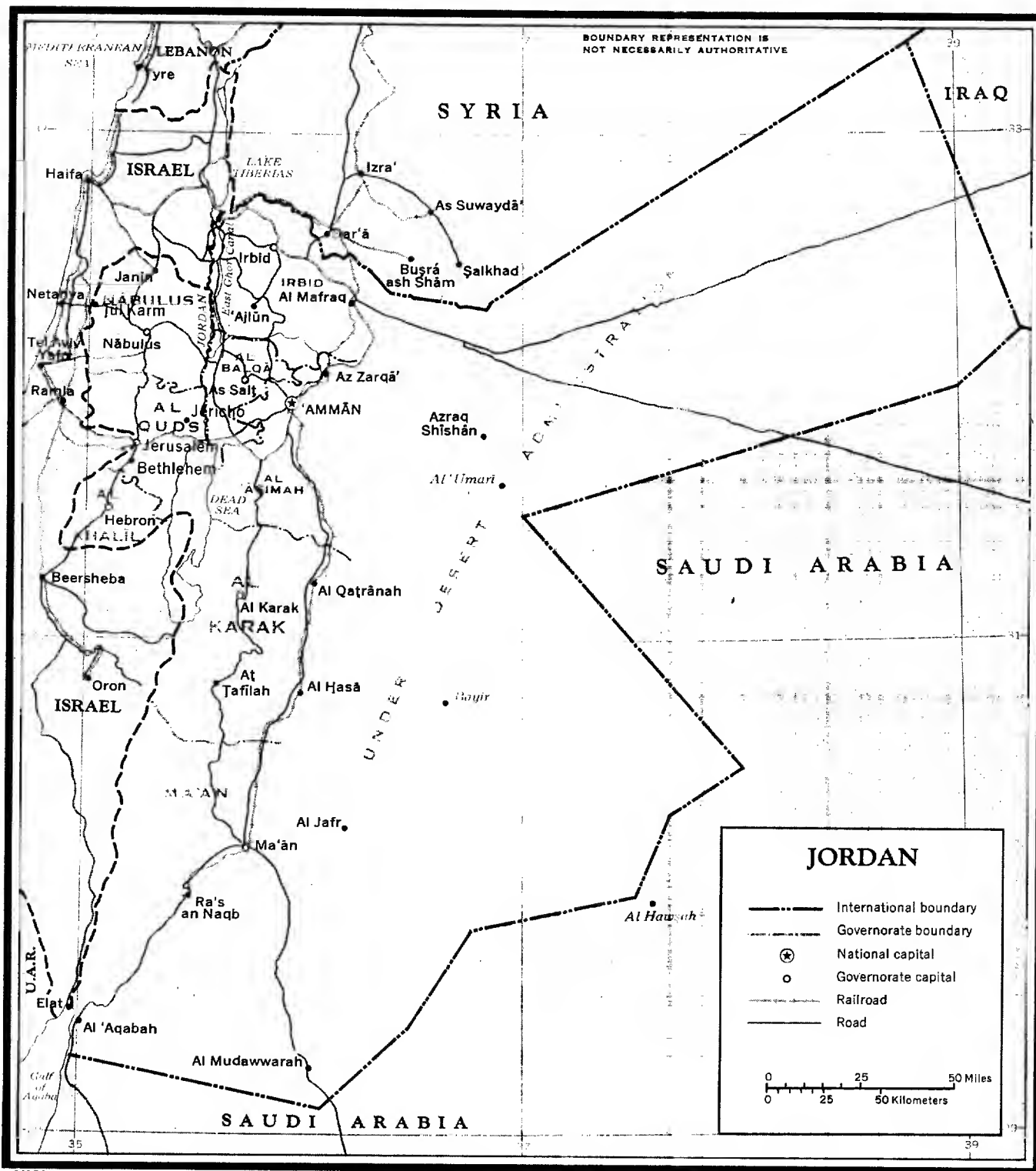
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Jordan: Disturbances directed against the government broke out again yesterday in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem.

Crowds aroused by sermons at morning prayers were fired on by Jordanian security forces. Three civilians reportedly were killed and two others seriously wounded. Subsequently, a group of 800-1,000 persons, carrying at least one body, moved out of the Old City and demonstrated at the local government building. A complete curfew was later imposed.

Less serious disturbances recurred in other west Jordanian towns, where a curfew also has been imposed, travel restricted, and schools closed indefinitely.

Amman and Cairo are exchanging recriminations over the responsibilities of the United Arab Command (UAC) during the 13 November Israeli raid. Jordanian Prime Minister Tal, who criticized the UAC for its failure to provide air cover during the raid, received a strong UAC rejoinder on 25 November. In a statement broadcast by Cairo radio, the UAC claimed that air cover is supposed to come from the territory of the attacked state and noted that it had recommended the stationing of other Arab air forces in Jordan. The UAC referred to the offer it had made to provide Soviet MIG-21 aircraft to Jordan and recalled that Jordan had insisted on contracting for American fighters, which are "three times more expensive" and take "two or three years to deliver."

The UAC charges will tend to reinforce popular agitation among Palestinians in Jordan favoring the deployment of foreign Arab troops in west Jordan. The UN Security Council's censure of Israel yesterday is unlikely to reduce this agitation, since the demonstrators now are more interested either in attacking the Tal government or bringing down Husayn himself than they are in punishing Israel.

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The token military aid put at Jordan's disposal by Saudi Arabia and Iraq also will be of little consequence to the demonstrators.

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Communist China: Despite grave charges brought against them on 23 November by Red Guards, Chief of State Liu Shao-chi and party general secretary Teng Hsiao-ping were present on the reviewing stand with Mao Tse-tung, Lin Piao, Chou En-lai, and other party leaders at the Red Guard rally on 25 November.

Apparently no speeches were made. Foreign correspondents, who watched telecasts of the proceedings, estimated that about one million Red Guards, "more disciplined than ever before" and interspersed with about 50,000 regular army troops, paraded in Tienanmen Square. This was the eighth in the series of Red Guard rallies staged since 18 August.

It appears that the rally was twice postponed this week. The reason for the delays is unknown. The charges against Liu and Teng have not as yet been carried further since their initial publication.

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NOTES

Luxembourg: Prime Minister Werner's coalition of Christian Socialists and Socialists resigned on 25 November. The government's fall may lead to a reduction of Luxembourg's already modest contribution to NATO. Personality clashes have played a part in the disagreement between the parties, but the crisis was precipitated by the insistence of the Socialists that conscription be abolished on 1 January rather than "phased out" as Werner proposed. If the two parties are unable to reconstitute the coalition, new elections may have to be called before their regularly scheduled date three years hence. [REDACTED]

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Guatemala: Communist terrorism has intensified in Guatemala City during the past week. In a gunfight on 23 November five policemen and two terrorists were killed and three rebels captured. The government is having some success against guerrillas in the countryside, however. It is likely that the government will extend the 30-day state of siege decree now in effect beyond its expiration date in early December. [REDACTED]


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